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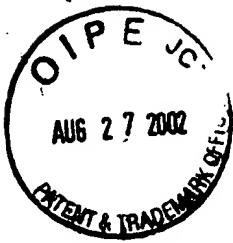
Sir:

Submitted herewith on a modified Form PTO SB/08 is a listing of document(s) known to Applicant in order to comply with Applicant's duty of disclosure pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56. A copy of the listed document(s) is being submitted to comply with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97-1.98.

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STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e)

The undersigned hereby states in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e)(1) that each item of information contained in this Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three (3) months prior to the filing of this Statement.

RELEVANCE OF EACH DOCUMENT

The documents listed on the attached PTO/SB/08B were cited as being relevant during the prosecution of the corresponding Korean application. A copy of an English language abstract of the listed documents, if available, is being provided. The absence of a translation or an English-language counterpart document does not relieve the PTO from its duty to consider this document (37 C.F.R. § 1.98 and M.P.E.P. § 609).

The Examiner in the corresponding Korean patent application has commented as follows:

As a result of examination of the present application, there were the following reasons for rejection, a notice of which is made as stipulated in Article 63 of the Patent Law; if you have an opinion or need to make an amendment, please submit opinion brief/written amendment before the above deadline (extensions to the above deadline can be requested in units of one month at a time; no separate notice of approval of extension will be issued for such requests.)

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Reason

It is found that the inventions described in all patent claims of the present application could have been easily invented prior to the filing of this application by a person having ordinary knowledge in the technical field of the invention based on what is indicated below, and therefore cannot be patented, as per the stipulations of Article 29, Section 2 of the Patent Law.

Description

1. All claims of invention of the present application relate to a variable gain digital filter with a configuration whereby a gain adjustment circuit is combined inside the digital filter, distinguished in that the gain adjustment circuit contains a selector, multiplier and the like; however, it is judged that the invention of the present application could have been easily invented by a person skilled in the art by combining Cited Literature 1, which comprises a multiplier and the like in a digital filter, and Cited Literature 2, which comprises multipliers and



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multiple types of filters implemented by selecting the output of the multipliers in a digital signal processing device.

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Attachment 1 Japanese Unexamined Patent Application
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Attachment 2 Japanese Unexamined Patent Application
Publication H8-162906 (21 Jun 1996)

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Applicant respectfully requests that any listed document be considered by the Examiner and be made of record in the present application and that an initialed copy of Form PTO/SB/08B be returned in accordance with M.P.E.P. § 609.

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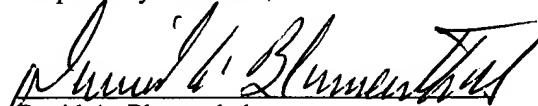
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1. Information Disclosure Statement
2. PTO SB08 form
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